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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for 1970, prepared on the lines indicated in the Department of Health and Social Security circular 1/71.

Infectious Diseases.

The number of infectious disease notifications during the year was 210, compared with 86 in 1969, the increase being entirely attributed to measles.

For the first time no cases of scarlet fever were reported. One case of malaria was notified and this was contracted naturally abroad.

Vital Statistics.

The crude birth rate fell from 15.52 per thousand population in 1969 to 14.72 in 1970. Corrected for comparability, in age and sex distribution with the country as a whole, the figure is 17.52, which is well above the figure for England and Wales of 16.00.

The crude death rate per thousand population also fell during the year from 13.00 to 12.13. The corrected death rate of 8.73 compares favourably with the figure for England and Wales of 11.70.

International Certificates of Vaccination.

One thousand six hundred and thirty-eight certificates of vaccination against smallpox and cholera, and requiring the signature of the doctor authenticated, were dealt with during the year.

Dysentery.

At the beginning of June a notification was received from the Headmaster of a village school that considerable numbers of children were suffering from recurrent symptoms of diarrhoea and sickness. In addition some staff members were affected and the school had had to close for a day. Investigations immediately commenced by the Department established that dysentery was the cause of the outbreak. Rigorous personal hygiene was introduced at the school and all children found to be positive were excluded until negative faeces specimens were obtained. In all some 170 specimens were collected from 68 different families of which 14 were positive *Shigella sonnei* (dysentery) and 2 were positive *Salmonella* (food poisoning). By the end of September conditions at the school had returned to normal.

Food Poisoning.

A notification was received in mid-summer of a case of Salmonella typhimurium. The patient proved to be a self-employed contract milker employed by various farmers in this and neighbouring districts. An exclusion notice requesting him to discontinue work was served and compensation for loss of earnings was paid by the Council until negative results were obtained from the pathologist.

Public Health Nuisance.

It was appropriate that a solution to a long standing smell nuisance caused by a poultry feed manufacturers in the area, should be found during European Conservation Year. Since September 1963 complaints had been received by the Department regarding a strong fish like odour caused by the production of pelleted poultry feed. Several specialist firms were engaged by the Company to cure the problem. Firstly masking of the odour by chemicals was tried - but many people disliked the perfumed odour more than the "raw product". Secondly ozone was added to the gases but this was also unsuccessful. A combination of both ozone and masking chemical did prove to be partially successful but undoubtedly nuisance continued to occur from time to time. Eventually a pilot plant was designed to wet scrub the gases followed by drying and then filtering through a carbon filter. This plant was operated for nearly 2,000 hours filtering a tenth of the gases and it was then decided to build a full size plant of similar design. The new plant was brought into operation in the early summer of this year and to date has proved to be very effective.

Noise.

The installation of the odour control plant outlined above caused the production of additional noise and a petition was received from a considerable number of residents regarding excessive night noise soon after the plant commenced to operate. The Company had been advised by the department at the planning stage that noise nuisance might be produced but they decided to "wait and see". Noise level readings taken by the department confirmed that nuisance was being caused and immediately noise consultants were engaged by the Company. Remedial work was carried out fairly quickly to the satisfaction of the majority of the complainants.

Clean Air Act 1956-68.

During the year two applications were received for the approval of chimney heights in connection with the installation of boiler plant. One application was approved and one application was rejected on the grounds of inadequate height.

Untreated Milk - Brucellosis.

During the year 76 samples of raw milk being retailed in the district

from 4 different sources were submitted for biological examination to check for the presence of *Brucella abortus* and tubercle bacilli. Two samples of milk were found to be positive to *Brucella abortus* type II. The milk from these sources was diverted for heat treatment before sale.

Cream.

The sampling of raw cream was continued this year and 55 samples of cream were submitted for examination. One sample was found to be positive to *Brucella abortus* type I and another to *Brucella abortus* type II. In each case the farmer concerned agreed to heat treat all cream to satisfy the phosphatase test.

Of the 55 samples of cream 37 produced unsatisfactory methylene blue tests and 18 were satisfactory. These results show no improvement over those for 1969 and indicate the need for improved techniques in cream production at dairy farms and more careful stock rotation by retailers.

Poultry Production and Inspection.

The Slaughter of Poultry Act 1967 came into force on the 1st January this year and require Local Authorities to register premises where poultry is stunned before being slaughtered (i.e. in practice only the larger commercial processing plants). Three such establishments operate in this district and each was duly registered. It is, however, ironical that this registration of a limited number of premises where poultry is slaughtered came about as a result of pressure from animal lovers rather than to promote better conditions of hygiene or to require reasonable standards of poultry inspection. The increasing incidence of *Salmonella* infection in food, animals and in poultry in particular gives some cause for concern. Although the condition in poultry does not usually cause symptoms in the live bird the organisms can still be present on the skin surfaces of the "oven ready" bird. Properly cooked the chicken should be safe. However, the practice in the poultry trade of producing "New York" pack type birds i.e. chicken containing its internal organs which have to be subsequently removed in a butchers shop or kitchen can become a danger if cross contamination of other food, utensils or work surfaces occurs in these premises. It may be time for the New York pack type trade to be stopped to avoid this particular risk of cross contamination.

Food Hygiene.

During the routine inspection of food premises in the area some 204 contraventions of the Regulations were found and informal notices were served on the occupiers to improve the various premises. In one case proceedings were taken under the Council's Clean Food Byelaws against a greengrocer who persistently displayed soft fruit without any form of protection in a busy High Street. A fine of £20 was imposed and £15.15s.0d. costs were awarded. Retailers, usually greengrocers, are often puzzled by our insistence that all food displayed must be protected from all forms of contamination when shops

in other areas have food displayed without protection. I can see no reason to lower the standards in this district and I am confident that the modern housewife is only too pleased to see all food properly protected from dirt, dust, flies, petrol and diesel fumes.

In my view the time is approaching for some review of Food and Drugs legislation. For example it appears to be trivial to require an authority formally to register a retailer who may wish to cook one or two hams per week or to sell pre-wrapped ice cream, whilst catering premises can open in any sort of condition without any form of control beyond the institution of legal proceedings which may take several weeks to bring before the Court. Surely all catering premises including licensed clubs and public houses, should be subject to the issue of an annual licence provided that the premises comply with all the requirements of the Regulations.

Inspections of food stalls and delivery vehicles revealed some 25 contraventions of the Regulations. Control over itinerant food vendors is difficult in a widespread rural district.

Food Complaints.

No reduction occurred in the number of complaints received regarding the sale of unfit food or food not of the nature, substance or quality demanded. The complaints included foreign matter in a corned beef, mouldy cornish pasty, mouldy fruit pie, mouldy sausages, maggots in powdered soup and the sale of mouldy bread. In this last case two loaves of bread were sold from the same premises - the first loaf proved to be five days old at the time of sale and the second loaf was no less than ten days old. A "sale or return" system was being operated by the shop and the bread company and although "fresh" bread was delivered to the shop each morning and any unsold bread removed by the van salesmen these offences occurred. It is improper for large national food companies to condone practices which can lead to the sale of stale food. Legal proceedings were therefore taken against the retailer who invoked Section 113(1) of the Act to involve the manufacturers. The case against the retailer was dismissed and the manufacturers pleaded guilty and were fined £50 with £34.10s.0d. costs being awarded. One gratifying result of these proceedings was that the retailing company stated in Court that the "sale or return" system had been banned in all of their shops throughout the Country.

All these complaints indicate how essential it is for retailers to know the maximum shelf life, the ideal method and temperature required for storage of the continually increasing range of food products which are on sale. An effective stock rotation system is necessary in all food premises to prevent the sale of stale food and it cannot be emphasized too strongly that it is the food retailer who is responsible for the fresh condition of the food he sells.

Family Planning Association Clinic

A new clinic operated by the Family Planning Association opened at Crowborough War Memorial Hospital in October this year. The sessions are held on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Monday each month commencing at 6.30 p.m.

Housing Act 1969.

Standard Grants.

During the year 139 applications were received and dealt with as under :-

No. approved	-	Owner/Occupier	...	92
		Tenanted	...	<u>47</u>
		Total	...	<u>139</u>
No. withdrawn	-	Owner/Occupier	...	4
		Tenanted	...	<u>2</u>
		Total	...	<u>6</u>

Sum total of Grants approved £31,098. 17s. 3d.

Since the inception of the scheme in 1959, 1,269 applications have been approved as follows :-

No. approved	-	Owner/Occupier	...	793
		Tenanted	...	<u>476</u>
		Total	...	<u>1,269</u>
No. withdrawn	-	Owner/Occupier	...	65
		Tenanted	...	<u>65</u>
		Total	...	<u>130</u>

Sum total of Grants approved £198,438. 13s. 10d.

Number paid	...	...	...	993
Number repaid	...	...	...	66
Net amount paid	...	...	£123,260.	8s. 7d.

Qualification Certificates.

(a) Cases where Improvements required

Number of applications	...	...	...	21
Number of Certificates of Provisional Approval issued	...	...	...	21
Number of Qualification Certificates issued	...	...	...	6

(b) Standard Amenities already provided

Number of applications	...	...	...	6
Number of Qualification Certificates issued	...	...	...	5

Houses in Multiple Occupation

Number of informal notices served

- | | | | |
|-----|--|-----|---|
| (a) | to make good neglect of proper standards of | | |
| | management ... | ... | 1 |
| (b) | to require additional services on facilities | ... | 1 |

Slum Clearance Programme

The following table shows the state of the programme commenced in January, 1956.

(a)	Number of houses in programme	...	...	...	...	200
(b)	Number dealt with under Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	248
					(53 vacant)	
	Number closed	...	...	...	...	34
	Number demolished	...	...	...	...	52
	Number made fit, Undertaking determined				...	143
(c)	Number of families rehoused	...	...	...	...	176
	Number rehoused by Council...	...	...	...	...	102
(d)	Number remaining to be rehoused	...	...	...	...	19
	Number willing to be rehoused	...	...	...	...	8

Council Housing.

The following information is given by the Housing Manager, Miss E.S. Jeudwine, A.I.H.M.

Applications for Housing.

The total number of applications on the waiting list increased from 874 in January to 893 in December.

New Accommodation.

A block of flats with a Resident Warden were completed at Fazan Court, Wadhurst. This block consists of 12 bed-sitting rooms for single people and 12 self-contained flats for couples. A kitchen for the use of the W.R.V.S. Meals on Wheels Service has been incorporated in this building.

At Jarvis Brook the building of 38 houses and 16 flats was completed enabling the Council to rehouse the remaining tenants from the sub-standard houses at Palesgate and the prefabricated bungalows at Rotherfield, in addition to a number of applicants from the waiting list.

Vacancies.

The total number of vacancies in existing Council accommodation during the year was 44.

Rehousing.

The number of applicants housed was 88.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN PETRIE,

Medical Officer of Health.

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TABLE I

VITAL AND SOCIAL STATISTICS

Area of the District	...	...	...	...	...	...	112,096 acres
Population (Registrar General's estimate)	...	...	...	...	...	...	54,550
Density of Population per acre	...	...	...	...	...	...	6.48
Number of hereditaments (at 31.3.71)	...	...	...	...	...	...	22,165
Rateable Value (at 1.4.71)	...	...	...	...	...	...	£2,008,269
Sum represented by the penny rate (at 1.4.71)	...	...	...	...	...	...	£19,224

Births and Deaths

Birth Rate (crude)	...	...	...	...	...	14.72	} Per 1,000 Population
" " (modified)	...	...	...	...	...	17.52	
" " (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	...	16.00	
Death Rate (crude)	...	...	...	...	...	12.13	
" " (modified)	...	...	...	...	...	8.73	
" " (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	...	11.70	

Mothers and Infants

Live Births						Male	Female	Total
Number	...	...	...	...	...	415	388	803
Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...			14.72

Illegitimate Live Births

(per cent. of total live births)	...	...						4.86
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Still Births

Number	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	5
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	...	...	...	...	...			6.19

Total Live and Still Births	...	...	...	...	...	416	392	808
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Infant Deaths (deaths under one year)	...	...	...	...	...	5	4	9
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Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	...	...						11.21
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...						11.78
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...						NIL

Neo-natal Mortality Rate

(Deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)	...	...						9.96
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Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate

(Deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)	...	...						8.72
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Perinatal Mortality Rate

(Stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	...	...	...	...	...			14.85
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TABLE I (continued)

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	NIL
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	NIL

Causes of Death					Males	Females	Total
Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity etc.	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	...	...	...	...	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	7	4	11
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	...	...	...	...	6	12	18
Malignant neoplasm, larynx	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	...	31	7	38
Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	-	14	14
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	-	6	6
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	...	...	...	...	4	-	4
Leukaemia	...	...	...	...	4	1	5
Other malignant neoplasms	...	...	...	...	17	28	45
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
Diabetes mellitus	...	...	...	...	2	3	5
Avitaminoses	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
Other endocrine etc. diseases	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Anaemias	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
Mental disorders	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
Meningitis	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
Other diseases of nervous system	...	...	...	...	2	3	5
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	...	...	...	...	-	3	3
Hypertensive disease	...	...	...	...	7	2	9
Ischaemic heart disease	...	...	...	...	85	72	157
Other forms of heart disease	...	...	...	...	11	24	35
Cerebrovascular disease...	...	...	...	...	32	56	88
Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	19	20	39
Influenza	...	...	...	...	10	4	14
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	24	16	40
Bronchitis and emphysema	...	...	...	...	21	8	29
Asthma	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	2	3	5
Peptic ulcer	...	...	...	...	-	2	2
Cirrhosis of liver	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
Other diseases of digestive system	...	...	...	...	3	7	10
Nephritis and nephrosis...	...	...	...	...	-	3	3
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	...	...	...	...	-	2	2
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Congenital anomalies	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	...	...	...	...	2	-	2
Other causes of perinatal mortality...	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
Symptoms and ill defined conditions...	...	...	...	...	3	15	18
Motor vehicle accidents...	...	...	...	...	5	3	8
All other accidents	...	...	...	...	6	8	14
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries...	...	...	...	...	1	2	3
All other external causes	...	...	...	...	1	2	3
Total deaths	...	...	...	...	<u>316</u>	<u>346</u>	<u>662</u>

TABLE SHOWING VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1955-1970

TABLE II

Year	Estimated Population	Number of Births						Crude Birth Rate.	Number of Deaths			Crude Death Rate.	Infants' Deaths.			Infant Death Rate.	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths.
		Legitimate.			Illegitimate				M.	F.	Total		M.	F.	Total		
		M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total										
1955	44,000	255	245	500	14	13	27	11.97	250	311	561	12.75	8	8	16	32.00	-
1956	43,500	272	236	508	7	12	19	12.11	291	284	575	13.22	8	5	13	24.67	-
1957	43,380	289	255	544	7	6	13	12.84	264	250	514	11.85	7	3	10	17.95	43
1958	43,300	262	238	500	14	6	20	12.01	295	296	591	13.65	2	4	6	11.54	-
1959	43,670	301	297	598	6	14	20	14.15	323	293	616	14.10	4	2	6	9.71	2
1960	43,780	279	271	550	10	10	20	13.02	284	276	560	12.79	7	7	14	24.56	10
1961	43,950	280	277	557	10	15	25	13.24	312	300	612	13.92	10	9	19	13.64	-
1962	44,770	334	289	623	14	12	26	14.49	303	313	634	14.16	6	2	8	12.33	15
1963	45,540	322	284	606	30	14	44	14.27	303	340	643	14.12	7	6	13	20.00	7
1964	46,000	326	307	633	21	21	42	14.67	266	318	584	12.69	6	5	11	16.30	91
1965	47,130	344	328	672	17	21	38	15.06	304	333	637	13.52	6	6	12	16.90	73
1966	48,300	349	317	666	25	24	49	14.80	133	335	648	13.42	10	-	10	14.00	67
1967	50,640	416	355	771	27	23	50	16.21	267	350	617	12.18	4	9	13	15.83	204
1968	51,810	378	417	795	25	21	46	16.23	320	305	625	12.06	15	5	20	23.78	216
1969	52,700	424	357	781	22	15	37	15.52	309	376	685	13.00	4	5	9	11.00	133
1970	54,550	392	372	764	23	16	39	14.72	316	346	662	12.13	5	4	9	11.21	141

POPULATION FIGURES, 1961-1970. Estimated.

TABLE III

PARISH	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Buxted ...	2,377	2,442	2,457	2,559	2,556	2,745	2,855	3,332	3,822	3,769
Crowborough ...	8,396	8,702	8,919	9,092	9,684	10,371	11,109	11,630	11,930	12,619
Danehill ...	1,304	1,335	1,343	1,411	1,441	1,419	1,456	1,452	1,470	1,484
Fletching ...	923	930	947	924	918	914	945	948	912	924
Forest Row ...	3,481	3,544	3,588	3,558	3,643	3,733	3,873	3,976	4,036	4,232
Framfield...	1,761	1,787	1,798	1,782	1,776	1,769	1,786	1,791	1,807	2,038
Frant ...	1,455	1,468	1,468	1,435	1,450	1,414	1,451	1,447	1,450	1,495
Hadlow Down ...	812	839	833	837	839	845	857	823	842	920
Hartfield ...	2,023	2,013	2,043	2,092	2,112	2,075	2,157	2,135	2,021	2,073
Isfield ...	492	475	479	432	466	472	493	492	505	507
Little Horsted ...	197	196	197	203	190	201	195	202	198	204
Maresfield ...	3,213	3,243	3,266	3,283	3,354	3,332	3,494	3,511	3,504	3,565
Mayfield ...	3,316	3,377	3,478	3,488	3,565	3,578	3,648	3,649	3,676	3,750
Rotherfield ...	2,758	2,789	2,822	2,825	2,870	2,871	2,983	2,943	2,921	2,908
Uckfield ...	4,376	4,475	4,585	4,620	4,710	4,951	5,521	5,689	5,774	6,026
Wadhurst ...	3,929	3,955	4,016	4,109	4,071	4,047	4,157	4,188	4,151	4,264
Withyham ...	3,137	3,200	3,301	3,350	3,485	3,563	3,660	3,602	3,681	3,772
* Totals ...	43,950	44,770	45,540	46,000	47,130	48,300	50,640	51,810	52,700	54,550

* Totals are annual estimates of population supplied by the Registrar General.

Population of each parish calculated as follows:-

Registrar General's estimate of population for the District X Number of persons on Register of Electors in each parish.

1970
NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS

TABLE IV

Disease	Under 1 year.	1 year.	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 - 9 years	10-14 years	15-24 years	25 years and over.	Age un- known	Total	Admitted to hospital
Whooping Cough ...	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Measles ...	4	12	17	22	14	91	10	3	3	2	178	-
Dysentery ...	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	3	-	7	-
	Under 5 years	5-14 years	15-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over.	Age un- known						
Acute Encephalitis (Infective)	-	1	-	-	-	-					1	1
Food Poisoning ...	1	1	-	1	-	-					3	-
Malaria ...	-	-	-	1	-	-					1	-
Infective Jaundice	1	7	8	1	-	-					17	-

TABLE V

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Distribution of diseases in the parishes, 1970

PARISH	DISEASE								
	Whooping Cough	Measles	Dysentery	Acute Encephalitis (Infective)	Food Poisoning	Malaria	Infective Jaundice	Total	
Buxted	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	3	
Crowborough	3	133	-	1	1	-	4	142	
Danehill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fletching	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	
Forest Row	-	5	-	-	-	-	11	16	
Framfield... ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Frant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hadlow Down	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Hartfield... ..	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	
Isfield	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Little Horsted	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Maresfield	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	3	
Mayfield	-	5	7	-	1	-	-	13	
Rotherfield	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Uckfield	-	10	-	-	1	-	-	11	
Wadhurst	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Withyham	-	9	-	-	-	1	-	10	
TOTALS	3	178	7	1	3	1	17	210	

TABLE VI

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and mortality during 1970.

AGE GROUPS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Resp.		Respiratory		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 4 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 ...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34 ...	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over ...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS ...	1	3	-	1	-	-	-	-

TABLE SHOWING TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1953-1970

TABLE VII

YEAR	NEW CASES						DEATHS					
	Respiratory			Non-Respiratory			Total (All Types)			Respiratory		
	M.	F.		M.	F.		M.	F.		M.	F.	Total (All Types) M & F.
1953	27	17		-	2		2	1		-	1	4
1954	27	18		2	3		2	-		-	-	2
1955	5	8		1	3		2	2		-	-	4
1956	4	6		4	2		-	3		1	-	4
1957	10	5		3	2		-	-		-	-	-
1958	13	4		1	-		1	-		-	-	1
1959	8	3		1	1		4	-		-	-	4
1960	11	3		3	3		1	1		-	-	2
1961	6	5		1	-		2	-		-	-	2
1962	12	2		3	-		2	1		-	-	3
1963	6	2		2	-		2	1		-	-	3
1964	5	5		1	1		2	1		-	-	3
1965	1	2		1	-		-	-		-	-	-
1966	3	4		-	-		-	-		-	-	-
1967	5	1		-	-		2	-		-	1	3
1968	1	1		-	1		1	-		-	-	1
1969	2	2		-	-		-	-		1	-	1
1970	1	3		-	1		-	-		-	-	-

MASS RADIOGRAPHY

ANALYSIS OF RESULTS OF SURVEYS 1970

TABLE VIII

	Doctors' Referrals			Other Examinees			Total All Groups		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Number examined ...	194	195	389	362	562	924	556	757	1,313
Tb. requiring treatment or close clinic supervision.	1	1	2	-	1	1	1	2	3
Tb. requiring occasional clinic supervision ...	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Bronchial Carcinoma	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	4
All other abnormalities ...	71	45	116	24	14	38	95	59	154
Total abnormalities ...	73	48	121	25	16	41	98	64	162

TABLE IX

AMBULANCES, CLINICS AND LABORATORY SERVICE

Child Health Clinics and Ante-Natal Clinics in the Uckfield Rural District

Name of Centre	When held
BUXTED	
Reading Room, Buxted	3rd Tuesday in each month.
CROWBOROUGH	
All Saints Church Hall, Chapel Green...	2nd and 4th Tuesday in each month.
CHELWOOD GATE AND DANEHILL	
Chelwood Gate Village Hall	2nd Tuesday in each month.
FAIRWARP	
Village Hall, Fairwarp... ..	1st Wednesday in each month.
FOREST ROW	
Village Hall	1st Thursday in each month.
FRAMFIELD	
Memorial Hall	2nd Thursday in each month.
FRANT	
Village Hall	1st Friday in each month.
GROOMBRIDGE	
King Edward VII Institute Hall, Station Road	4th Tuesday in each month.
HARTFIELD AND WITHYHAM	
Village Hall, Withyham... ..	1st Friday in each month.
MARESFIELD	
Village Hall	2nd Wednesday in each month.
NUTLEY	
Church Hall	4th Thursday in each month.
ROTHERFIELD	
Village Institute Hall... ..	2nd Wednesday in each month.
UCKFIELD	
County Clinic (Child Health)... ..	1st Thursday in each month, 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesday in each month.
(Toddlers' Session)... ..	3rd Thursday in each month (A.M.)
Ante-Natal Relaxation Class	Each Monday.
WADHURST	
Commemoration Hall, High Street	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month. (Dr. Marsh.)
CROWBOROUGH	
Family Planning Association Clinic, War Memorial Hospital	1st, 3rd and 5th Monday in each month.

TABLE IX (continued)

Laboratory Facilities

The arrangements which were made for the examination of specimens taken for the diagnosis and control of infectious diseases, with the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (telephone number Brighton 63506), continued throughout the year and proved to be very satisfactory.

Medical practitioners send specimens direct to the Laboratory and receive a report by telephone, a written copy of the report being sent to this office.

Specimens may be sent to reach the Southdown Bus Depot, Pool Valley, Brighton, by 5.15 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays and by 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays, or to the Public Health Laboratory by 6 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays and by 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Urgent examinations may be carried out at other times by arrangement with the Director, Doctor Jameson (telephone number Brighton 56960).

Ambulance Services

The County Council, under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, has the duty to ensure that ambulances are available where necessary to convey persons suffering from illness from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

The stations and ambulances are linked by radio control, which ensures a quicker and more efficient service in accident or emergency cases. All emergency calls along our common boundary with the Kent County Council are covered by the nearest ambulance to the scene of the emergency.

A day and night ambulance service is available and calls are accepted from doctors, nurses, midwives and hospitals in the area. Only in cases of accidents or other sudden emergencies are calls accepted directly from members of the public.

TABLE IX (continued)

Ambulance stations serving parishes in the Uckfield Rural District are as follows :-

Parishes Served	Ambulance Station	Telephone Number	No. of Ambulances
Buxted (North Part) Crowborough Frant Mayfield Rotherfield Wadhurst Withyham	Crowborough Hill, Crowborough.	Crowborough 4882	2
Forest Row Hartfield	East Court, East Grinstead.	East Grinstead 23488	3
Buxted (South Part) Danehill Fletching Framfield Hadlow Down Isfield Little Horsted Maresfield Uckfield	Red Cross Hall, Selby Road, Uckfield.	Uckfield 2686	1

TABLE X

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND SUPERVISION

No. of inspections made under the Housing and Public Health Acts ...	1,358
" " " Rent Act, 1968	10
" " " Animal Boarding Establishments	
Act, 1963	21
" " " Noise Abatement Act, 1960... ..	147
" " " Clean Air Act... ..	27
" " " Pet Animals Act, 1951	2
" " " Agriculture (Safety, Health and	
Welfare) Act	1
" " " National Assistance Acts	2
No. of premises other than houses visited under the Public Health	
Acts	600
Visits to factories (with power 86, without power 1)	87
Inspections made of dairies and milk shops	147
" " stalls and delivery vehicles	13
Visits to bakehouses	17
" butchers' shops... ..	41
" knackers' yard	12
" fish frying premises	9
" food premises... ..	407
" ice-cream premises	37
" licensed premises	126
" shops	94
" poultry packers	47
Visits in connection with caravans	12
" " " infectious diseases	310
" " " water supplies	66
" " " rats and mice destruction	2,978
" " " vermin	12
" " " waste foods order	10
" " " schools	14
" " " food inspection... ..	19
" " " food complaints... ..	15
Miscellaneous visits	287
Interviews	74
No. of drain tests carried out	177
" water samples taken	38
" milk and cream samples taken... ..	131
" ice-cream samples taken	7
" premises disinfected and disinfested	140
" preliminary notices served	199
" " " complied with	201
" statutory notices served	2
" " " complied with	3

TABLE XI

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The following statistics show inspections and work done by the Rodent Operators during the year.

						Rats	Mice
No. of complaints received	...	...	...	...		428	109
No. of premises infested	...	...	...	...		376	94
No. of infestations found as a result of routine enquiry	...	...	...	...	...	79	31
No. of premises treated by the occupier	...	...				104	35
No. of dwellings disinfested:							
(a) Dwellinghouses...	...	...	...	...		161	113
(b) Council properties (Sewage disposal works and refuse tips)...	...	...	...			18	1
(c) Business premises (other than food premises)						8	8
(d) Food premises	...	...	...	...	...	5	6
(e) Agricultural premises		...	...	...		18	9
(f) Schools	...	...	...	...	...	6	7
Total number of visits	...	...	...	...		2,975	

TABLE XII

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Eighty-seven visits were made to factories during the year; of these eighty-six were to factories in which mechanical power was used.

Inspection for purpose of provisions as to health.

PREMISES	No. on Register	Inspections	Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	10	1	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	167	86	10	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	177	87	10	-

Cases in which defects were found

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND				Number of Cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted
	Found	Remedied	REFERRED		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) insufficient	2	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective ...	5	4	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes ...	3	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	10	4	-	-	-

TABLE XII (continued)

Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	No. of outworkers in August list required by Sect. 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel: Making, etc.	1	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE XIII

WATER SUPPLIES.

There is an ample supply of main water in the area, and the many analyses of water taken from numerous sources show that the organic purity and bacteriological condition is excellent.

The Mid-Sussex Water Company supply practically the whole of the district, and the fluoride content from all sources is less than 0.1 parts per million.

Samples of water were taken each month for bacteriological examination and the following table shows the sources of supply and results of the analyses.

Source of Supply	Samples taken	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Mid-Sussex Water Company ...	24	22	2
Springs and Wells	14	6	8
TOTALS	38	28	10

In addition to the above samples taken by the Council's officers the undermentioned suppliers sent regular reports of bacteriological and chemical analyses.

Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells.

East Surrey Water Company.

Mid-Sussex Water Company.

POSITION RELATING TO PIPED WATER SUPPLY AT 31st DECEMBER, 1970

TABLE XIV

Statutory Supplier	Parish	Connected to main supply during year.	Dwellings on main supply.	Estimated number of inhabitants in houses on main supply.
Mid-Sussex Water Company	Buxted	4	917	2,613
	Crowborough	89	4,409	12,566
	Danehill	8	505	1,439
	Fletching	3	249	710
	Forest Row	12	1,318	3,756
	Framfield	29	717	2,044
	Frant	-	392	1,117
	Hadlow Down	1	276	787
	Hartfield	1	662	1,887
	Isfield	7	213	607
	Little Horsted	-	15	43
	Maresfield	11	1,133	3,229
	Mayfield	7	1,182	3,369
	Rotherfield	10	1,025	2,921
	Uckfield	52	2,881	8,211
	Wadhurst	15	1,503	4,283
	Withyham	2	1,167	3,326
Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells	Frant	4	*	-

*Included in the total for Mid-Sussex Water Company.

TABLE XV

Sewerage and Sewage Purification

Capital expenditure during the past twenty years on sewerage and sewage disposal works is shown in the following table:-

Year ended 31st March	Total Expenditure £
1951	4,657
1952	15,583
1953	5,526
1954	10,433
1955	6,072
1956	4,787
1957	83,977
1958	70,836
1959	30,398
1960	52,342
1961	71,501
1962	60,014
1963	80,013
1964	136,318
1965	170,309
1966	130,745
1967	63,013
1968	40,663
1969	110,468
1970	131,846
	£1,279,501

The Council's programme of capital works has had to be modified in line with the Government policy of restricting capital works to those which are essential in the interests of public health. The following details show the progress which has been made to date.

Works completed up to December 1970				Capital Cost £
UCKFIELD AND FIVE ASH DOWN ...	Sewers and New Disposal Works ...			175,000
CROWBOROUGH (VILLAGE) ...	New Trunk Sewers ...			58,000
UCKFIELD ...	New Trunk Sewer ...			22,000
UCKFIELD (WEST SIDE) ...	Sewer ...			3,000
BUXTED ...	New Sewer ...			3,000
ISFIELD ...	Sewers and Pumping Station ...			66,000
DANEHILL AND CHELWOOD GATE ...	Sewers and Disposal Works ...			157,000
FRAMFIELD ...	New Pumping Station, Pumping Main, etc....			36,500

TABLE XV (continued)

				Capital Cost £
Schemes where work is in progress				
MAYFIELD (CROUCH)	...	...	Modernisation of existing works	60,000
CROWBOROUGH AND ROTHERFIELD (REDGATE MILL)	...	...	Modernisation and improvement of Sewage Disposal Works	424,000
BLACKBOYS	...	...	Duplication of Sewage Disposal Works	33,000
Schemes in course of preparation and schemes to be prepared				
BLACKHAM (VILLAGE)	...	...	Sewers and Disposal Works	-
WADHURST (ROCK ROBIN)	...	...	Pumping Station	-
MAYFIELD (MERES)	...	...	Modernisation of Existing Works	-
FOREST ROW		...	Improvements to Existing Works	-
BUXTED	...	...	Enlargement of Existing Works	-
FAIRWARP	...	...	Construction of Pumping Station to replace Existing Works	-
UCKFIELD SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS	...	...	Improvement to Inlet Works	-

TABLE XVI

FOOD PREMISES

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970

The number and category of food premises in the area is as follows :-

Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Cakes, Confectionery and Sweets...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Grocers and Provisions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	129
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	104
Catering establishments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	144
Wet Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

Improvements at Food Premises during 1970

Cleanliness of food equipment improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Placing food to prevent contamination...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Sanitary conveniences improved or increased...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Constant hot water provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Wash hand basins provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Provision of first aid boxes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Sinks provided, renewed or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Lighting improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Ventilation improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Kitchens, preparing rooms and food stores cleansed and decorated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89
Refuse facilities improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Temperature control of food improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 16

The following table shows premises which are registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Cooked Meat premises	...	...	...	64
Fried Fish Shops...	...	...	...	4
Ice-cream premises (Storage and sale only)	...	...	...	220

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959

Number of persons registered as distributors 86.

TABLE XVII

FOOD INSPECTION

During the year the following unsound food was voluntarily surrendered to the Public Health Inspectors.

496 lbs. of fresh meat ...	...	...	...	...	...	decomposed
110 lbs. of canned meat	...	...	...	...	...	decomposed
76 lbs. of other canned foods	...	...	...	...	...	decomposed
21 lbs. of fresh fish ...	...	...	...	...	...	decomposed
353 lbs. of frozen foods	...	...	...	...	...	decomposed
35 lbs. of other foods...	...	...	...	...	...	decomposed

Unsound food is buried at Council refuse dumps.

TABLE XVIII

POULTRY INSPECTION

Number of processing plants in the district ...	...	3
Number of visits ...	...	47
Total number of birds processed in the year ...	...	7,239,367
Type of birds processed ...	...	Broilers
Percentage rejected as unfit ...	...	0.64

TABLE XIX

Food and Drugs Act 1955 - Section 63

The licence in respect of the knackers yard was renewed, and twelve visits were made to the premises during the year.

Slaughter of Animals Act 1958

Number of licences issued ...	...	4
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Pet Animals Act 1951

Two premises are registered under the above Act for the sale of pet animals, and two visits were made during the year.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963

Number of premises licensed...	...	18
Number of visits made	...	21

TABLE XX

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

Registrations and General Inspections

Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	8	121	33
Retail shops	15	236	93
Wholesale shops, warehouses.	1	1	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	7	41	7
Fuel storage depots	-	2	2
TOTALS	31	401	136

Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

Class of workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	716
Retail Shops	933
Wholesale departments, warehouses	20
Catering establishments open to the public	218
Canteens	32
Fuel storage depots	13
TOTAL	1,932
TOTAL MALES	786
TOTAL FEMALES	1,146

Number of visits of all kinds to registered premises	176
Number of informal notices served	8
Number of informal notices abated	8
Number of accidents reported (slight)	2

TABLE XXI

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR,

1.	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	350
	(b)	Total number of inspections made for the purpose... ..	353
2.		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	3
3.		Number of dwelling houses (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	114

Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice

	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers	128
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Action under Statutory Powers during the year

1.		Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957:-	
	(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	1
	(b)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice :-	
	(i)	By owners	-
	(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners	3
2.		Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :-	
	(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	1
	(b)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice :-	
	(i)	By owners (including compliance with notices served prior to 1st January, 1970)	-
	(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners	-
3.		Proceedings under Section 4 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957 :-	
	(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	1
	(b)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	2
	(c)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	5
	(d)	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit following undertakings given after service of Notice of Time and Place - Section 16	4
	(e)	Number of dwelling houses for which undertakings, under Section 16, were given by owners	1

TABLE XXII

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO DWELLING HOUSES.

The works of repair and improvement listed below were completed during the past eight years :-

Internal.	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Damp floors remedied	73	108	58	37	40	26	39	25
Damp walls remedied	73	146	82	81	53	50	59	53
Floors relaid or repaired	110	146	97	82	89	49	58	52
Walls repaired or cleansed	288	422	319	288	241	133	229	176
Ceilings repaired or cleansed	274	377	305	255	229	117	215	169
Ceiling heights increased	27	20	9	3	3	4	5	2
Lighting improved	47	77	42	13	29	16	22	19
Ventilation improved	51	78	53	15	32	15	21	18
Windows repaired or renewed... ..	69	113	91	37	55	41	57	40
Doors repaired or renewed	17	32	14	6	10	1	15	6
Woodwork repaired or renewed	10	19	10	5	1	3	4	2
Flues and fireplaces repaired	13	16	7	2	4	3	5	2
Cooking stoves repaired or provided	15	21	13	5	7	1	1	2
Washing coppers repaired or provided	2	2	1	-	2	1	-	-
Food stores repaired or provided	42	75	44	39	39	11	10	7
Staircases repaired	26	40	29	21	22	10	18	21
Sinks provided or renewed	63	100	72	67	47	33	45	29
Sink wastes trapped or provided	61	101	73	63	51	35	51	37
Baths and wasn basins provided	96	139	99	80	60	49	62	54
Hot water systems provided	93	122	92	72	55	40	62	56
Artificial lighting provided	4	2	2	-	3	1	1	1
Fuel stores provided	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
External								
Walls repaired	48	72	46	36	34	23	29	22
Roofs repaired	43	54	42	40	34	19	17	25
Chimney stacks repaired	32	47	37	30	22	11	18	12
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired	40	41	34	22	33	13	23	24
Paving provided or repaired... ..	29	48	30	11	7	2	8	2
Dustbins provided or renewed	2	2	4	-	2	-	1	-
Accumulations removed... ..	4	3	1	2	-	-	2	1
Drainage								
New systems provided	34	56	31	20	22	21	23	12
Systems repaired, improved or cleansed	63	89	63	46	26	35	39	43
W.C.s provided	85	136	92	77	54	47	54	51
W.C.s repaired, cleansed and flushing apparatus provided	7	10	4	10	7	5	4	-
E.C.s and M.P.s converted to W.C.s.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
E.C.s repaired or improved	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
Water Supply								
Mains supply provided... ..	6	2	5	3	4	1	2	-
Wells repaired, improved or provided	-	1	-	3	1	-	-	1

TABLE XXIII

HOUSES BUILT DURING 1970

During the year sixty-three Housing Units were built on behalf of the Council, one-hundred and ninety-one were completed by private enterprise, and seven properties were made available by conversion.

Houses Built by Private Enterprise

Inspections under the Building Regulations in respect of all building undertaken by private enterprise ceased to be carried out by the Public Health Inspectors as from the 1st June, 1970.

The following table shows the number of visits made during the past ~~ten~~ years.

	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Foundations.	595	596	623	898	1,017	1,042	1,803	1,428	1,371	512
Site Concrete.	376	340	394	566	746	768	1,196	1,018	882	346
Damp Proof Course.	388	381	401	505	731	648	915	764	660	272
Drainage.	903	883	904	1,120	1,430	1,374	1,674	1,515	1,643	891
Other Visits.	2,753	2,746	2,756	3,159	4,506	4,609	4,805	4,707	5,552	2,884
Total Visits.	<u>5,016</u>	<u>4,946</u>	<u>5,078</u>	<u>6,248</u>	<u>8,430</u>	<u>8,441</u>	<u>10,393</u>	<u>9,432</u>	<u>10,108</u>	<u>4,905</u>

